



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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Chief Probation Officer

January 4, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH  
THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR CONTINUED COMMUNITY LAW  
ENFORCEMENT AND RECOVERY PROGRAM (CLEAR) PARTICIPATION  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

## **SUBJECT**

This is to request that your Board authorize the Chief Probation Officer and the District Attorney to execute and enter into a Professional Services Agreement with the City of Los Angeles for continued participation in the Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) Program, a multi-agency gang intervention project funded by the United States Department of Justice, in accordance with the City's CLEAR Program requirements.

## **JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer and the District Attorney to execute and enter into a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) substantially similar to the attached with the City of Los Angeles (City) in the amount of \$310,986 for CLEAR Program services provided by Probation (\$113,330) and the District Attorney's Office (\$197,656) at one CLEAR site: 77<sup>th</sup> Florence/Graham for the period of July 1, 2010 through February 28, 2012. The CLEAR Program is funded from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 09 Grant.



2. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer and the District Attorney, or their designees to serve as Project Directors for their respective CLEAR Programs and to approve any subsequent amendments, modifications, and/or extensions of the PSA that do not increase the Net County Cost of the program.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to comply with CLEAR Program legislation which requires that this collaborative, multi-agency effort involving the Probation Department, District Attorney's Office, Los Angeles Police Department, and the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office be formalized in a PSA. The actions will also satisfy the City's prerequisite to release CLEAR Program funding.

In addition, your Board's approval will provide delegated authority to the Chief Probation Officer and the District Attorney, or their designees, to serve as Project Directors for their respective CLEAR Programs and to carry out the terms of the PSA, including any necessary amendments, modifications, and/or extensions.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the Los Angeles County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Operational Effectiveness, to maximize the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services, and Strategic Plan Goal No. 5, Public Safety, to ensure that the committed efforts of the public safety partners continue to maintain and improve the safety and security of the people of Los Angeles County. The CLEAR Program is a collaborative effort between multiple jurisdictions committed to ridding neighborhoods of street violence.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The PSA will be funded from the FY 2009 Recovery Act JAG 09 Grant for the period of: July 1, 2010 through February 28, 2012 (77<sup>th</sup> Florence/Graham).

The City will provide the County a total of \$310,986 as follows: \$113,330 to Probation to partially fund salaries and employee benefits for one Deputy Probation Officer II position and \$197,656 to the District Attorney's Office to partially fund the salary of one (1) Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney III position, respectively.

These revenues are included in each respective Department's FY 2010-11 Final Adopted Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The CLEAR program is a multi-jurisdictional program that has brought together law enforcement, government, and community agencies in an effort to rid neighborhoods of

street violence since 1998. On May 6, 2008, your Board adopted the Chief Executive Officer's recommendations to avoid retroactive agreements and ensure timely payments from the City for the CLEAR Program. However, despite working with the City to avoid retroactive agreements, this problem still exists primarily due to delays resulting from the lengthy process to negotiate JAG funding allocations and the City's preparation and approval of the PSA.

In order for the Probation Department and the District Attorney's Office to claim reimbursement from the City for the CLEAR Program, the attached PSA between the City and the County of Los Angeles must be signed by the County Departments to receive funding. The Mayor of Los Angeles will sign and fully execute the Agreement when it is received from the County, and the City will then reimburse the County. The PSA has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

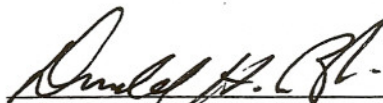
**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**


The recommendations will maintain the existing level of services and will enable Probation and the District Attorney's Office to work with the Los Angeles Police Department and the City Attorney's Office to provide a flexible and coordinated response to crime perpetrated by criminal street gangs by identifying the gangs associated within each community and addressing each community's gang problem. Overall, the continued receipt of the City's reimbursement for CLEAR Program services will mitigate disruption in service delivery.

**CONCLUSION**

Upon approval by your Board, it is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board send two (2) copies of the adopted board letter to: Los Angeles County Probation Department, Attention: Tasha Howard, Director, 9150 E. Imperial Highway, Room B83, Downey, CA 90242.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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Attachment

c: Executive Office/Clerk of the Board  
County Counsel  
Chief Executive Office